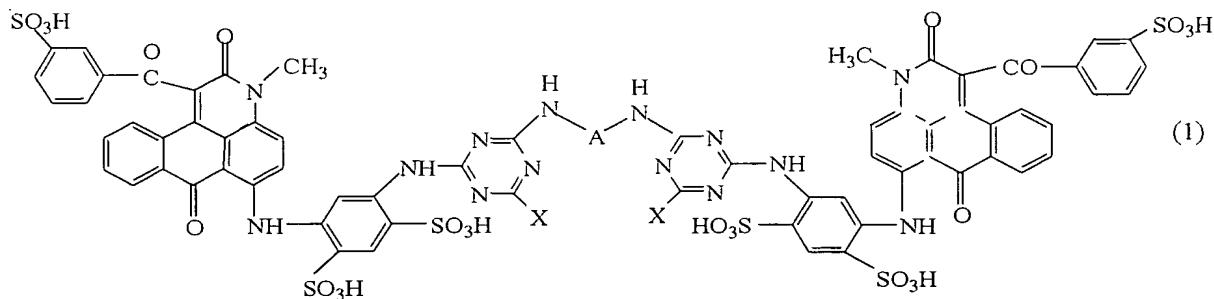
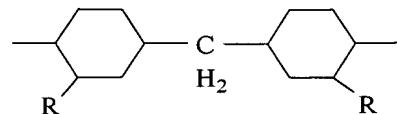


IN THE CLAIMS

1. (original) An ink composition comprising at least water; at least one member selected from compounds represented by the following formula (1) and/or salts thereof; and at least one member selected from carboxyl group-containing aromatic compounds and/or salts thereof:



wherein A represents an alkylene group, a phenylene group-containing alkylene group or



(R means hydrogen or alkyl) and X represents NH₂, OH or Cl.

2. (original) The ink composition according to claim 1, wherein the compound represented by formula (1) and/or salt thereof are contained in an amount of 0.2 to 10% by weight based on the total amount of the ink composition.

3. (presently amended) The ink composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the carboxyl group-containing aromatic compound and/or salt thereof are contained in an amount of 0.2 to 10% by weight based on the total amount of the ink composition.

4. (presently amended) The ink composition according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 3, wherein the content ratio of the compound represented by formula (1) and/or salt

thereof to the carboxyl group-containing aromatic compound and/or salt thereof is from 4:1 to 1:10.

5. (presently amended) The ink composition according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 4, wherein the carboxyl group-containing aromatic compound and/or salt thereof is a naphthalene skeleton-containing compound and/or a salt thereof.

6. (original) The ink composition according to claim 5, wherein the naphthalene skeleton-containing compound and/or salt thereof is a compound having a carboxyl group at the 2-position and/or a salt thereof.

7. (original) The ink composition according to claim 6, wherein the compound having a carboxyl group at the 2-position and/or salt thereof is at least one of 2-naphthoic acid, 3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid, 6-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid, 4-hydroxy-benzoic acid, 6-methoxy-2-naphthoic acid and salts thereof.

8. (presently amended) The ink composition according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 5 to 7, wherein the salt of the carboxyl group-containing aromatic compound is a lithium salt.

9. (original) The ink composition according to claim 8, wherein the carboxyl group-containing aromatic compound and/or salt thereof is lithium 2-naphthoate, lithium 3-hydroxy-2-naphthoate, lithium 6-hydroxy-2-naphthoate, lithium 4-hydroxy-benzoate or lithium 6-methoxy-2-naphthoate.

10. (presently amended) The ink composition according to ~~any one of claims~~ 1 to

9, further comprising a nonionic surfactant.

11. (original) The ink composition according to claim 10, wherein the nonionic surfactant is an acetylene glycol-based surfactant.

12. (presently amended) The ink composition according to claim 10 or 11, wherein the nonionic surfactant is contained in an amount of 0.1 to 5% by weight based on the total amount of the ink composition.

13. (presently amended) The ink composition according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 12, further comprising a penetration accelerator.

14. (original) The ink composition according to claim 13, wherein the penetration accelerator is a glycol ether.

15. (presently amended) The ink composition according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 14, having a pH of 8.0 to 10.5 at 20°C.

16. (presently amended) The ink composition according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 15, which is used in an ink jet recording process.

17. (presently amended) The ink composition according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 16, which is a magenta ink composition.

18. (presently amended) An ink jet recording process comprising ejecting a droplet of an ink composition, and depositing the droplet onto a recording medium to perform

printing, wherein the ink composition is one according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 17.

19. (presently amended) Recorded matter recorded using an ink composition according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 17.